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**Service of Process Transmittal** 07/27/2015

CT Log Number 527542145

Gabby Medenwaldt, 293-3621

Green Tree Servicing LLC 345 Saint Peter St Ste 1400, 1400 Landmark Towers

Saint Paul, MN 55102-4404

**Process Served in Washington** RE:

Green Tree Servicing LLC (Domestic State: DE) FOR:

ENCLOSED ARE COPIES OF LEGAL PROCESS RECEIVED BY THE STATUTORY AGENT OF THE ABOVE COMPANY AS FOLLOWS:

Michael Thomas, Pltf. vs. Flagstar Bank and Greek Tree Loan Servicing, LLC, Dfts. TITLE OF ACTION:

DOCUMENT(S) SERVED: Summons, Complaint

King County Superior Court, WA Case # NONE **COURT/AGENCY:** 

Violations of the Consumer Protectoin Act, The Collection Agency Act, The NATURE OF ACTION:

Telephone Consumer Protection Act and the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, Inter

Alia - Seeking Injunctive Relief

ON WHOM PROCESS WAS SERVED: CT Corporation System, Olympia, WA

By Process Server on 07/27/2015 at 14:31 DATE AND HOUR OF SERVICE:

JURISDICTION SERVED: Washington

APPEARANCE OR ANSWER DUE: Within 20 days after the service of this summons

ATTORNEY(S) / SENDER(S): Kathleen Box

Leen & O'Sullivan, PLLC 520 East Denny Way Seatle Washington, WA 98122 206-325-6022

The documents received have been modified to reflect the name of the entity being REMARKS:

CT has retained the current log, Retain Date: 07/28/2015, Expected Purge Date: 08/02/2015 ACTION ITEMS:

Image SOP

Email Notification, Gabby Medenwaldt Gabby medenwaldt@greentreecreditsolutions.com

SIGNED: CT Corporation System ADDRESS:

505 Union Avenue SE

Suite 120

Olympia, WA 98501 360-357-6794

TELEPHONE:

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2 3 5 - 6 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON 7 IN AND FOR KING COUNTY 8 9 NO. MICHAEL THOMAS 10 Plaintiffs, COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION 11 OF THE WASHINGTON STATE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT, 12 BREACH OF CONTRACT, AND FLAGSTAR BANK and GREEN TREE 13 **NEGLIGENT** LOAN SERVICING LLC. **MISREPRESENTATION** 14 Defendants. 15 16 Comes now the Plaintiff MICHAEL THOMAS by and through his attorney, Kathleen 17 Box, and files the within Complaint for violations of the Washington State Consumer Protection 18 Act, Breach of Contract and Negligent Misrepresentation. 19 I. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT 20 This is an action by MICHAEL THOMAS, ("Plaintiff") to determine that the 21 foreclosure sale of the property located at 27546 254th Way SE, Maple Valley, WA 98038 is 22 23 wrongful and should not proceed. 24 Plaintiff is the owner of the residence located at 27546 254<sup>th</sup> Way SE, Maple 2. 25 Valley, WA 98038 ("Residence"). 26 Leen & O'Sullivan, PLLC 27 520 EAST DENNY WAY SEATTLE, COMPLAINT - 1 WASHINGTON 98122 (206) 325-6022 28 FAX (206) 325-1424

3. Defendant Flagstar Bank ("Flagstar") was the prior servicer of the mortgage loan secured by the Residence.

- 4. Green Tree Servicing LLC is the current servicer of the mortgage loan secured by the Residence.
- \_\_\_\_\_5. Plaintiff Michael Thomas fell behind on his mortgage while Flagstar-was the servicer of his mortgage.
- 6. Thomas had been consistently paying taxes and insurance on the Property separately from his mortgage from the time he took out the mortgage in June 2008 until approximately 2010.
- 7. In 2010 although Thomas was current on his homeowner's insurance payments and property taxes Flagstar purchased homeowner's insurance on the Property and prepaid the county property taxes.
- 8. Flagstar determined Thomas' loan was in default based on the forced place insurance and property taxes paid by Flagstar.
- 9. Thomas consistently made full mortgage payments on his mortgage until he was approved for a trial period loan modification.
  - 10. Plaintiff applied for and was offered two trial period plans by Flagstar Bank.
  - 11. Plaintiff made all three payments on his first trial period plan with Flagstar.
- 12. Instead of converting Thomas' loan to a permanent modification after he completed the first trial period plan, Flagstar offered Thomas

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- 13. Plaintiff was promised by Flagstar each time that he received a trial period plan that if he successfully completed the trial period plan his loan would be permanently modified.
- 14. Plaintiff successfully completed all three trial period plans, Plaintiff was informed through his attorney that after the completion of his third trial period plan with Flagstar that his loan would be converted to a permanent modification.
- 15. After Flagstar informed him that his loan would be permanently modified, Flagstar transferred the servicing rights of Plaintiff's loan to Green Tree Loan.
- 16. The Plaintiff requested a mediation under the Foreclosure Fairness Act 61.24 et al through his attorney which resulted in another trial period plan offer from Green Tree on August 6, 2014.
- 17. Green Tree represented to Plaintiff that if he successfully completed the trial period plan his loan would be permanently modified.
  - 18. Plaintiff made all three trial period plan payments in a timely manner.
- 19. After successfully completing another trial period plan, Green Tree refused to modify Plaintiff's mortgage loan.

# II. CAUSES OF ACTION AGAINST GREEN TREE AND FLAGSTAR A. FIRST CLAIM: BREACH OF CONTRACT

20. Flagstar and Green Tree offered Plaintiff trial period plans that upon completion should have been converted to final modifications. The language in the trial period plans

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indicated that upon successful completion of the trial period plans the Plaintiff would be offered a modification.

- 21. Flagstar and Green tree made offers to enter in to a contract when they offered Plaintiff trial period plans; Plaintiff accepted these offers by submitting timely payments in compliance with the terms of the offers. Flagstar and Green Tree subsequently breached the contract when they wrongfully denied Plaintiff for a loan modification after Plaintiff fully complied with the terms of the offers.
- 22. This breach subjected Plaintiff to damages, including but not limited to, emotional damages connected to the fear of losing his home, monetary damages in terms of the cost to file this lawsuit and default fees and charges in connection with an ongoing foreclosure.

# B. SECOND CLAIM: UNFAIR AND DECEPTIVE PRACTICES IN VIOLATION OF THE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

- 23. Green Tree and Flagstar directly and indirectly engaged in unfair and deceptive acts and practices in violation of RCW 19.86.020, including but not limited to:
  - Making representations to Plaintiffs that they had been offered trial period plans that would be converted to a permanent modification upon completion of the trial period plan;
  - b. After Plaintiff complied with all terms of the offer, Defendants refused to permanently modify Plaintiff's loan;
  - c. Charging fees associated with Flagstar's and Green Tree's incorrect determination that the Plaintiffs' loans were in default including, but not limited to, late fees, interest capitalization and other fees associated with a default.



24. Defendant Green Tree's and Flagstar's deceptive acts or practices have occurred in its trade or business and were and are capable of deceiving a substantial portion of the public. As such, Defendant Green Tree's general course of conduct as alleged herein is injurious to the public interest, and the acts complained of herein are ongoing and/or have a substantial likelihood of being repeated.

- 25. Green Tree and Flagstar's action effect the public interest because they are responsible for the day-to-day management of thousands of loans in the state of Washington. Moreoever, this conduct is ongoing and has the substantial likelihood of being repeated. Upon information and belief, because both servicers service a substantial amount of mortgage loans it is likely that similar fraudulent actions are/have been perpetrated on other consumers.
- 26. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant Flagstar and Green Tree's unfair acts or practices, Plaintiff suffered injury in fact and lost money. Plaintiff has been charged unlawful fees related to the wrongful determination that his loan is in default after it should have been converted to a permanent modification.
- 27. Plaintiff is therefore entitled to an order enjoining the conduct complained of herein; actual damages; treble damages pursuant to RCW 19.86.090; costs of suit, including a reasonable attorney's fee; and such further relief as the Court may deem proper.
- 28. Plaintiff is entitled to exemplary damages because Defendant Flagstar and Green Tree acted in bad faith in deliberate or reckless disregard of their rights and Defendant Flagstar and Green Tree obligation to hold Plaintiff's escrow funds in trust. The actions of Defendant Green Tree Flagstar as alleged herein constitute violations of the Washington Consumer Protection Act, RCW 19.86.020, and: (1) have occurred in trade or commerce; (2) are deceptive

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as alleged above; (3) negatively affect the public including thousands of Washington residents against whom Defendant Green Tree and Flagstar offered trial period plans that were fully complied with and then failed to convert the loans to permanent modifications; and (4) causing injuries to Plaintiff as alleged above.

## C. THIRD CLAIM: NEGLIGENT MISREPRESENTATION

- 29. Under the circumstances alleged, Defendants owed Plaintiffs a duty to provide them with accurate information regarding the loan modification process and to comply with the representations made by the Defendants in their trial period plan.
- 30. Defendants negligently represented to Plaintiff that upon completion of their trial period plan, he would be offered a permanent loan modification. Flagstar and Green Tree representation were negligent as they subsequently refused to honor its offer of a modification, by refusing to permanently modify Plaintiff's loan after Plaintiff complied with all terms of the trial period plans offered to him.
- 31. Supplying such obviously false information demonstrates a lack of exercise of reasonable care or competence in communicating with Plaintiff.
- 32. Plaintiff justifiably relied on Defendants' misrepresentations expecting to be entitled to make payments on their trial period plans and be offered a permanent modification.
- 33. Plaintiff have suffered significant damages as a result of Defendants negligence including but not limited to, the potential of losing his home, emotional damages and monetary damages connected with filing this lawsuit.

### III. REQUEST FOR RELIEF

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Having stated their allegations and claims, Plaintiffs request the following relief: 2 General damages in an amount to be determined at trial; 1. 3 Treble damages for each and every violation of the Consumer Protection Act, plus 2. 4 attorney fees and costs; 5 Damages including emotional distress, for the conduct of the Defendants in an\_ 6 amount to be fully proven at the time of trial; 7 Injunctive relief prohibiting the foreclosure of Plaintiffs' Residence by any entity 8 4. 9 or person until further order of this Court; 10 5. The value of lost use of Plaintiffs monies, past and future, according to proof at 11 time of trial; 12 For such other relief as the Court deems equitable and just. 6. 13 DATED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2015. 14 15 Kathlen A. A. 16 17 Kathleen S Box, WSBA #45254 Attorney for Plaintiffs 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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1 2 4 5 -6 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON **COUNTY OF KING** 7 8 NO. MICHAEL THOMAS 9 Plaintiff, 10 COMPLAINT FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE WASHINGTON STATE VS. 11 CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT FLAGSTAR BANK and GREEK TREE BREACH OF CONTRACT, AND **NEGLIGENT MISREPRESENTATION** LOAN SERVICING, LLC 13 Defendant. 14 15 THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, TO: Green Tree Servicing, LLC and Flagstar 16 Bank 17 TO THE THIRD PARTY DEFENDANT: A lawsuit has been started against you in 18 the above-entitled court by Plaintiff, Michael Thomas ("Thomas"). Thomas's claim is stated in 19 the Complaint, a copy of which is served upon you with this summons. 20 In order to defend against this lawsuit, you must respond to the Answer by stating your 21 defense in writing, and by serving a copy upon the person signing this summons within 20 days 22 after the service of this summons, (or 60 days if you are served outside of the State of 23 Washington), excluding the day of service, or a default judgment may be entered against you 24 without notice. A default judgment is one where Third Party Plaintiff is entitled to what has 25 been asked for because you have not responded. If you serve a notice of appearance on the 26 27 Leen & O'Sullivan. 28 PLLC SUMMONS-1

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undersigned person, you are entitled to notice before a default judgment may be entered. A copy of your answer and all other responsive pleadings must be filed with the court.

If you wish to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be served on time.

THIS SUMMONS is issued pursuant to Rule 4 of the Superior Court Civil Rules of the State of Washington.

DATED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2015.

Kathlin S. A.

Kathleen Box WSBA #45254 katy@leenandosullivan.com Attorney for Michael Thomas

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                 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
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      MICHAEL THOMAS,
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                                                       TREE SERVICING LLC
             VS.
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      FLAGSTAR BANK, NA and GREEN TREE
      SERVICING, LLC
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                                    Defendants.
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             Plaintiff, c/o his attorney, Kathleen Box
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      AND: Clerk of Court
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             PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that William G. Fig and Susan S. Ford of Sussman
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      Shank LLP hereby appear in the above-entitled action as attorneys for defendant Green
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      Tree Servicing LLC without waiving questions of, or defenses related to:
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                   Lack of Jurisdiction Over the Subject Matter;
Lack of Jurisdiction Over the Person;
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                    Improper Venue;
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                    Insufficiency of Process;
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                    Failure to State a Claim Upon Which Relief May be Granted; and
                    Failure to Join a Party under CR 19.
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NOTICE OF APPEARANCE - Page 1

SUSSMAN SHANK LLP ATTORNEYS AT LAW 1000 SW BROADWAY, SUITE 1400 PORTLAND, OREGON 97205-3089 TELEPHONE (503) 227-1111 FACSIMILE (503) 248-0130

1	PLEASE ALSO TAKE NO	OTICE that all further papers and pleadings directed to
2	the aforementioned defendants	, except original process, should be served upon the
3	undersigned at the address show	wn below.
4	Dated: August 7, 2015.	
5		SUSSMAN SHANK LLP
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7		By <u>/s/ William G. Fig</u> William G. Fig, WSBA 33943
8		wfig@sussmanshank.com Susan S. Ford, WSBA 33415
9		sford@sussmanshank.com Attorneys for Green Tree Servicing LLC
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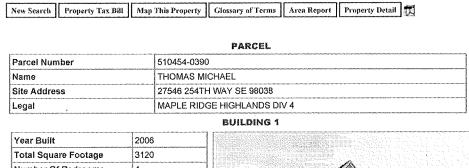
1	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE		
2	THE UNDERSIGNED certifies:		
3	1. My name is Karen D. Muir. I am a citizen of Washington County, state of		
4	Oregon, over the age of eighteen (18) years, and not a party to this action.		
5	2. On August 7, 2015, I caused to be delivered via email and first-class		
6	U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, a copy of: NOTICE OF APPEARANCE OF GREEN TREE		
7	SERVICING LLC to the interested parties of record, addressed as follows:		
8	Kathleen Box		
9	Leen & O'Sullivan PLLC 520 East Denny Way		
10	Seattle, WA 98122 Email: katy@leenandosullivan.com		
11	Attorneys for Plaintiff		
12	I SWEAR UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY that the foregoing is true and correct		
13	to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.		
14	/s/ Karen D. Muir		
15	Karen D. Muir, Legal Assistant		
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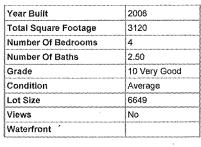
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13	FLAGSTAR BANK, NA and GREEN TREE SERVICING, LLC	SERVICING LLC )	
14	Defendants.	)	
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16	PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Au	gust 17, 2015, defendant Green Tree	
17	Servicing LLC filed a Notice of Removal with the United States District Court for the		
18	Western District of Washington, Seattle Division. A copy of the Notice of Removal,		
19	without exhibits, is attached hereto as Exhibit 1	•	
20	Respectfully submitted this 17th day of A	ugust, 2015.	
21	SUSSMAN S	SHANK LLP	
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23	By <u>/s/ Willian</u> William G	. Fig, WSBA 33943	
24	<u>wfig@</u> Susan S.	sussmanshank.com Ford, WSBA 33415	
25	<u>sford(</u>	<u>Dsussmanshank.com</u> for Green Tree Servicing LLC	
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Exhibit 5

1	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
2	THE UNDERSIGNED certifies:
3	1. My name is Kori L. Morehead. I am a citizen of Washington County, state
4	of Oregon, over the age of eighteen (18) years, and not a party to this action.
5	2. On August 17, 2015, I caused to be delivered via email and first-class
6	U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, a copy of: NOTICE OF FILING NOTICE OF REMOVAL
7	TO UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT BY GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC to the
8	interested parties of record, addressed as follows:
9	Kathleen Box
10	Leen & O'Sullivan PLLC 520 East Denny Way
11	Seattle, WA 98122 É Email: katy@leenandosullivan.com
12	Attorneys for Plaintiff
13	I SWEAR UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY that the foregoing is true and correct
14	to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.
15	/s/ Kori L. Morehead
16	Kori L. Morehead, Legal Assistant
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#### **TOTAL LEVY RATE DISTRIBUTION**

Tax Year: 2015 Levy Code: 1813 Total Levy Rate: \$14.11542 Total Senior Rate: \$7.33886

☐ Levy distribution pie chart

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Click here to see levy distribution comparison by year.

#### **TAX ROLL HISTORY**

Valued Year	Tax Year	Appraised Land Value (\$)	Appraised Imps Value (\$)	Appraised Total (\$)	Taxable Land Value (\$)	Taxable Imps Value (\$)	Taxable Total (\$)
2014	2015	122,000	386,000	508,000	122,000	386,000	508,000
2013	2014	113,000	332,000	445,000	113,000	332,000	445,000
2012	2013	106,000	267,000	373,000	106,000	267,000	373,000
2011	2012	125,000	284,000	409,000	125,000	284,000	409,000
2010	2011	182,000	236,000	418,000	182,000	236,000	418,000
2009	2010	182,000	286,000	468,000	182,000	286,000	468,000
2008	2009	203,000	394,000	597,000	203,000	394,000	597,000
2007	2008	180,000	388,000	568,000	180,000	388,000	568,000
2006	2007	161,000	0	161,000	161,000	0	161,000
2005	2006	154,000	0	154,000	154,000	0	154,000

#### **Reference Links**

- Signature States States
- King County Tax
- Property Tax Advisor
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- Washington State
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# 3270 Explorer: Delinquency 1 - Primary Collection (DLQ1/INVE)

511-GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC

an Number: 0001266303	Borrower Name: THOWAS, MICHAEL
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C/D 07/14 VELMA L THO	MAS
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